

## Manzanilla, Enrique

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**From:** Manzanilla, Enrique  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 1:05 PM  
**To:** Keith Takata  
**Subject:** RE: Orange County Water District

Perfect.

Thanks

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**From:** Keith Takata [mailto:keith@keithtakata.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 10:59 AM  
**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique  
**Subject:** Re: Orange County Water District

My role is very straight forward. I am working as a consultant for the OCWD. I am advising OCWD on overall strategy, on how the state and federal cleanup process works, and on how best to work with the regulatory agencies. Is that enough?

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On Jan 16, 2014, at 8:24 AM, Manzanilla, Enrique <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)> wrote:

And when you get a chance, send me an email that explains your role vis-à-vis orange county. If I get asked.....

Look forward to seeing you then.

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**From:** Keith Takata [mailto:keith@keithtakata.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 8:17 PM  
**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique; CHENG, CHRISTINA  
**Cc:** Lyons, John  
**Subject:** Re: Orange County Water District

Thanks, Enrique. Christina, does the week of February 24 to 28 work for Enrique and John?

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On Jan 14, 2014, at 6:40 PM, Manzanilla, Enrique <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for the note keith. I am aware of orange county's approach and I (and others at dtsc and the board) agree that their approach tracks with the discussions with jane williams and cynthia.

Let's set up something in february once john is on board officially. I think it will be a good discussion and I look forward to it.

See you then.

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**From:** Keith Takata <[keith@keithtakata.com](mailto:keith@keithtakata.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 5:12:10 PM

**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique

**Subject:** Orange County Water District

Enrique:

I hope the New Year is treating you well. I'm sure you will miss Kathleen and Mike, but John and Angeles are great choices.

In December 2013, I talked to Kathleen about the groundwater contamination in Orange County and I think I mentioned it to you too. As a reminder, Orange County has a large area of groundwater contamination in its North Basin that fits the profile of the recent "groundwater paradigm" discussions between Cynthia Babich, Jane Williams, the SWRCB, and DTSC. Namely:

- A large area of groundwater contamination, not well defined.
- Drinking water wells shut down, impacted, or threatened.
- Multiple and unknown PRPs that may be sources of the contamination.
- Some of the sites are Regional Board lead and some DTSC. Some doing voluntary work and some none.
- No one agency is responsible for overseeing the overall groundwater and drinking water solutions in a holistic way.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) is the state-created local water wholesaler that supplies water to 22 Orange County cities. Instead of simply complaining to the regulatory agencies, OCWD has drilled 70 monitoring wells, conducted a partial investigation, and has developed an overall plan. Much work remains to be done, however, and it doesn't seem fair for taxpayers to pay. OCWD needs the coordinated assistance of state and federal regulatory agencies. In November 2013, OCWD met with Kurt Berchtold and his staff at the RWQCB. In January 2014, OCWD met with John Scandura and Tom Cota and their staff at DTSC. Both state regulatory agencies are doing a lot of work, but they really need EPA's involvement.

I'd like to arrange a meeting with you and Mike Wehner, Roy Herndon, and Dave Mark of the OCWD. Mike is the Assistant General Manager of OCWD. They would like an opportunity to introduce you to the groundwater contamination, explain what we have learned from RWQCB and DTSC, and explore a role for EPA. If you concur, I'll work with Kathi Moore, John Lyons, and Christina Cheng to setup the meeting.

Thank you very much and I look forward to working with you again.

Keith

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